AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Original) A method of providing summary information about recipients of multicast sessions, comprising the steps of:

enhancing the operation of an edge device to count the number of recipient hosts of an IP multicast session;

storing the count in a measurement device and supplementing the count with information supplied from a directory source;

generating aggregate information about audience levels and demographics of recipient hosts of the multicast session; and

supplying the information to a supplier of the multicast session permitting an immediate evaluation and response.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the step of enhancing the operation of an edge device includes a step of counting streams traversing a MUG type edge device using an unicast link between the edge device and the recipient hosts.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the step of enhancing the operation of an edge device includes a step of enhancing a protocol message to provide IP addresses of recipient hosts of the multicast session connected to the edge device.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including:

a step of reporting IGMP membership and leave group reports from a host recipient to an edge device.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including:

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a step of aggregating information collected to insure privacy of individual host recipients.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the step of supplying information includes a step of billing the supplier for the information provided.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the step of supplementing the count includes a step of creating a directory-listing members of groups of multicast host recipients.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including a step of:

enhancing IGMP messages to include IP addresses of hosts that join and leave multicast sessions.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including a step of:

including IGMP software in an edge router and in a host PC to report IP addresses of host recipients as they join and leave multicast sessions.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including a step of:
including with an edge router an enhancement to provide IP addresses of host computers that join and leave multicast sessions.